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(e) whether the Government would place the opinion of the Board on the table, if it has been received; and

(f) if not, whether they would request the Board to hasten the submission of their opinion?

A.—(a) Certain matters relating to the Bill have been referred to the Board of Revenue for report;

(b) Yes; on 16th July 1928.

(c) & (e) The answer to clause (c) is in the negative.

(d) Yes; but of the three members of the Board who served on the Committee two have retired and the third served for only 6 months and has recently been incapacitated by illness.

(f) This has been done.

Legislative

Privileges to Fellows of the Madras University in elections to the Legislative Council.

* 756 Q.—Rajkumar S. N. DORAI RAJA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is proposed to take the necessary steps to amend the rules and regulations governing elections to the Legislative Council so that the past and present Fellows of the Madras University may be given the same privileges as are conferred on them in the case of elections to the Council of State?

A.—The revision of the electoral rules requires the previous sanction of the Government of India and the Secretary of State-in-Council. The suggestion will be borne in mind if and when the general question of a revision of the electorate is taken up.

Rajkumar S. N. DORAI RAJA:—"May I know whether the Government will be pleased to take steps to make representations on this behalf to the Government of India as it will be too late for the next elections if the steps are not taken now?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not understand what the hon. Member means by 'steps'. It will be brought to the notice of the Commission."

Reforms

Evidence before the Simon Commission.

* 757-A Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government propose to let oral evidence before the Simon Commission;

(b) if so, whom they have proposed or propose for giving evidence before that Commission; and

(c) whether any evidence is proposed to be let before the Commission either by or on behalf of the Ministers?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government has come to no decision on these points.